

REMARKS:

The above-referenced application is amended to better conform to U.S. practice, including removal of reference identifiers and omitting multiple dependent claims.

As amended, all dependent claims now depend upon a single independent claim.

Claim 10, previously dependent upon claims 1-9, is amended to depend only upon independent claim 8. New claim 21 corresponds to claim 10 but depends upon independent claim 1.

Claim 13, previously dependent upon claims 1-12, is amended to depend only upon claim 8. New claim 22 corresponds to claim 13, but depends on independent claim 1.

Claim 16, previously dependent upon claims 1-15, is amended to depend only upon claim 8. New claim 23 corresponds to claim 16, but depends on independent claim 1.

Claim 20, previously dependent upon claims 1-16, is amended to depend only upon claim 1. New claim 24 corresponds to claim 20, but depends on independent claim 8.

Claim 19 is amended to depend only upon claim 17, and to delete the second portion of the claim. New claim 25 corresponds to claim 19, as amended, but depends on claim 18. New claim 26 corresponds to the second portion of claim 19 as originally filed, but depends only on independent claim 1. New claim 27 corresponds to new claim 26 but depends on independent claim 8.

Entry is in order.

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